

SENATE BILL 3123  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,  
Chapter 50.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-322(a)(1)(A), is amended by deleting the first sentence in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

The department shall examine every applicant for a driver license, intermediate driver license or learner permit, except as otherwise provided in this part.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-323, is amended by deleting subsection (e) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(e) The fee charged for a license issued pursuant to § 55-50-331(k) shall be the same as the fee charged for a five-year Class D license.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-331, is amended by deleting subsections (g), (h) and (i) in their entirety and by substituting instead the following new subsection (k):

(k) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department may issue a driver license to persons whose presence in the United States has been authorized by the federal government, as documented pursuant to §55-50-321(c)(1)(C), for one (1) year renewable periods; provided that any such license shall be valid only during the period of time of the applicant's authorized stay in the United States.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-332, is amended by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-337(a), is amended by deleting from the first sentence the language "one (1) year from the date of initial issuance" and by substituting instead the following language:

one (1) year from the date of initial issuance, and licenses issued pursuant to §55-50-331(k), which shall expire one (1) year from the date of initial issuance or upon expiration of the period of authorized stay whichever is shorter

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-337, is amended by deleting subsections (c) and (d) in their entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(e) Any person issued a license, permit or certificate for driving prior to the effective date of this act, who is subject to the provisions of §55-50-331(k) shall, upon renewal or reapplication, receive, if otherwise eligible, a driver license which shall expire in accordance with such subsection.

SECTION 7. Certificates for driving issued prior to the effective date of this act shall remain valid until expiration, unless sooner cancelled, suspended or revoked, at which time any such person shall fully comply with the requirements of this act. The department of safety is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of this Section 7.

SECTION 8. Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 4-5-208 and 4-5-209 or any other provision of law to the contrary, the department of safety is authorized to promulgate public necessity rules and emergency rules to implement the provisions of this act.

SECTION 9. For the purpose of promulgating rules and regulations, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.